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My Dear Students:

In greeting the readers of the Sanguinist at Eastertide, I can only pray that Holy Week with its solemn and sacred mysteries may be full of rich graces for all and that Easter will find us spiritually revitalized. In the words of St. Paul, "let us keep festival, not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

Sincerely yours,

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THE SEASON'S LESSON

"Man is a lyre with seven strings; six for sorrow, one for joy." That sounds rather pessimistic, but how often does its truth not appear. For even though this earth is for those particularly who know the value of grace a vale of joys, it is for many others a place of suffering, moral and physical, and can more truly be called a vale of tears. Bereavement, failure, ill-health—all rend our hearts with pain. How, we sometimes ask, shall we endue it?

A holy, aged priest before entering his place of retirement once asked: "Is there a crucifix on the wall?" "Yes." "Then," he said, "I fear nothing." And truly, as this Holy Week reminds us, since Our Master has suffered so very much, even death, how can we want for courage to undergo trials and difficulties?

Learn resignation from Christ in His Agony in the Garden: "Lord, not my will, but Thine be done." Suffering will always remain suffering; but the thought of *uniting* our own cross to that of our Saviour transforms pain so greatly that Calvary has been made more a Thabor than a Calvary. "God brings good out of evil," is the constant refrain of Christian saints and thinkers. And so to St. Augustine evil was a proof that "God writes straight with crooked lines—even sins." And to Francis Thompson suffering was but "the shade of His hand, outstretched caressingly."

Lord, during this Holy Week, teach me to say when I suffer: "Thy Will be done." Let me not forget that unless I pass through the Good Friday of this life I can not rise to the Easter joys of the next life.

YES, A GENTLEMAN!

"It is almost a definition of a gentleman to say he is *one who never inflicts pain*. This description is both refined and, as far as it goes, accurate. He is mainly occupied in merely removing the obstacles which hinder the free and unembarrassed action of those about him; and he concurs with their movements rather than take the initiative himself. His benefits may be considered as parallel to what are called comforts or conveniences in arrangements of a personal nature; like an easy chair or a good fire, which do their part in dispelling cold and fatigue, though nature provides both means of rest and animal heat without them.

The true gentleman in like manner carefully avoids whatever may cause a jar or jolt in the minds of those with whom he is cast;—all clashing of opinion, or collision of feeling, all restraint, or suspicion, or gloom, or resentment; his great concern being to make everyone at their ease at home....."

—Cardinal Newman.

THE MEANING OF HOLY WEEK

With the solemn chant of the Passion on this Palm Sunday, the Church enters upon another Holy Week. Through the pageantry of the sacred liturgy, the Church relives again the scenes of that first Holy Week. She commemorates the passion and death of her Beloved Spouse, Christ. Her language is not in the past tense, but in the present, as if every Holy Week with its sorrowful memory was being observed for the first time. Clothed in the purple robes of deep mourning, the Church again follows the bloody path of Christ as He passes from the shadowy depths of the Garden of Olives to the dull, somber, and stony heights of Golgotha, the place of skulls, the scene of execution.

If we reverence the anniversary of a departed mother and father, dear one, or friend, how much more should we make every effort to reverence and to observe the anniversary of Him Who purchased us with His Precious Blood, poured out and offered for us that we might have eternal life? Holy Week for us then is a week of treasured memories. May these memories of Christ Our Redeemer and High-Priest inspire us to amend our lives, and to live within the shadows of the Cross of Our Crucified Savior.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday—Blessing of the Palms and
chanting of the Passion

Thursday, April 2, Holy Thursday—Feast of the Institution of
the Blessed Sacrament.

Friday, April 3, Good Friday—Anniversary of Christ's cruci-
fixion and death.

Saturday, April 4, Holy Saturday—Blessing of Easter and
Baptismal water.

Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday—Anniversary of Christ's glori-
ous Resurrection.



THE SEVENTH BLOOD-SHEDDING

THE PIERCING WITH A LANCE

Last of all, after His death, when His side was opened by the lance and His loving Heart was wounded, Jesus shed Blood, and with It came forth water to show us that every drop of Blood was spent for our salvation. Oh, the infinite bounty of our Redeemer! Who will not love Thee, my Savior? Whose heart will not be consumed with love for Thee, because Thou hast done so much for our redemption? Since words fail me, I invite all creatures on earth, all angels and saints in heaven, I invite Mary, our dearest Mother, to bless, to praise and glorify Thy Most Precious Blood. Glory to the Blood of Jesus and now and forevermore. Amen.

Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, in Thy Blood.

And made us a kingdom to our God.

